

Lincoln Middle School
School Site Council
March 25, 2009

Meeting started at 3:24pm

***In attendance:** Tom Belin, Sarah Blitz, Fariba Eskandani, Gerry Haker, Paula Goldman, Roe Johnston, Eric Marcos, Cristina Villalobos, Rose Supangan, Valetta Mendoza, Nancy Wang, Suzanne Webb & Lynn Leavitt, Carol Wrabel*

Minutes taken by Cristina Villalobos.

Sarah Blitz called the meeting to order.

Eric Marcos approved the minutes, and Valetta Mendoza 2nd the motion.

ELAC Update – ELAC had their computer night in the last minute. It was useful to the parents. Some were first time users, so it took a bit longer than expected. Meredith gave parents a tour of the library and also showed them the library database on line. Then parents were able to explore Pinnacle online with the help of Suzanne, and Lynn. Time did not permit getting parents e-mail accounts, but Cristina will work on this throughout the year.

AVID Update- some AVID students went to SMC for the Latino/a Youth Conference. Tutors will also be coming into the AVID class twice a week to help students with their work. And this Friday AVID students will be going to a Magic Mountain trip, and will stop by CSUN on their way!

PTSA Update- Lincoln is \$35,000 under budget
This coming Monday there will be a special PTSA. PTA will be facilitating a conversation with resource Officer Stockwell at 7pm in the auditorium regarding cyber-bullying

An e-mail blast will be sent out and if time permits there will also be a phone dialer sent out. The drama production went great this past weekend; it was a huge success. The District will hold a Facilities Policy Forum from 9am to 12pm to discuss the district's proposed facility policy (appropriate use of facilities, the content of what meetings take place on campuses, accountability, etc.)

Budget Update- We will still have our nurse 5 days a week, the music department will not be affected, however, we are still looking at class increase- school is on a hiring freeze (and 2 of our temporary teachers will not return next year), and it is predicted that enrollment will remain about the same.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- SPSA Goals- Suzanne presented an outline of how money is being spent, and how it has been spent so far with regards to the SPSA goals: Math, Writing, School Climate/Student Engagement, and Technology
Suzanne reported on the past faculty meeting which had technology breakout sessions from very basic e-mail use to the high-tech advancements in classrooms.

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Paula presented a media literacy project as an example of something that could be integrated into our site plan, and suggested a possible parent presentation (Paula will work on creating Agenda, etc. if this is to be presented in April after school returns from Spring break).

Eric Marcos suggested giving research/internet tips via student TV.

Discussion about school climate survey took place → District wide vs. site specific. It was suggested that in order to really get a feel for the culture of the school, the survey should be school site and not district wide. The PTA would help facilitate an event to bring in people who did not have computer access for the survey.

Gerry suggested that survey take place at a “flat time” during the school year (right now too much is happening) possibly late May or early June.

Tom will work on a survey about school connectedness and Paula will help → survey will include simple, not so complicated questions.

Suzanne spoke about Lincoln doing their Elementary school visits (parents, students, counselors, administration, and teachers)

They would be visiting McKinley tonight → presentation includes power point with pictures, Lincoln demographics, typical 6th grade schedule, etc.

Franklin went really well → received a lot of great feed-back

Suzanne talked about professional development:

- Conferences have been attended (last time around at conference in San Diego, teachers split up and went to different sessions to get the most out of the conference)
- Staff found that most of what was being presented is already being done at Lincoln
- Sean and Brian (PE teachers) were trained on how to train others, and will be presenting this at the next faculty meeting. PE classes will be the launch points for these meetings.

Response to Recent activities:

- Recently Officer Stockwell has been going around to all 8th grade cores and giving a presentation on cyber-bullying along with a video “Send or Delete” produced by SAMOHI students.
- Suzanne followed-up with student by reviewing the rules assembly via student TV
- She had a coffee with the principal that Friday
- Suzanne sent a letter home
- And during the PTA board meeting that Thursday she gave more specifics.

Parents and staff made suggestions on having a campaign to bring out the positive aspects of Lincoln not just to demonstrate good academics but also the good support system that the school has. Examples include the California Distinguished School, music program, student achievement, great department of PE, jog-athon, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm